

# MUNICIPAL SETTING DESIGNATION

900/910 Gemini Avenue  
Webster, Texas

October 2, 2012



## What is an MSD?

- A deed restriction only on the subject property (“Designated Property”).
- Restricts the use of groundwater from the Designated Property for potable purposes.
- Does not affect any off-Site properties.



# What is the Process?

- Application and Support from the City
- Seek support from municipalities within .5 miles
- Seek support from Retail Public Utilities within 5 miles
- Notice to well owners within 5 miles
- Application to TCEQ
- Certification by TCEQ



# What Does the MSD Do?

- Prevents groundwater from being used for potable purposes.
- Recognizes that shallow groundwater in most urban settings is not used.
- Eliminates the need to cleanup groundwater to potable standards.

# Site Description

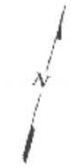
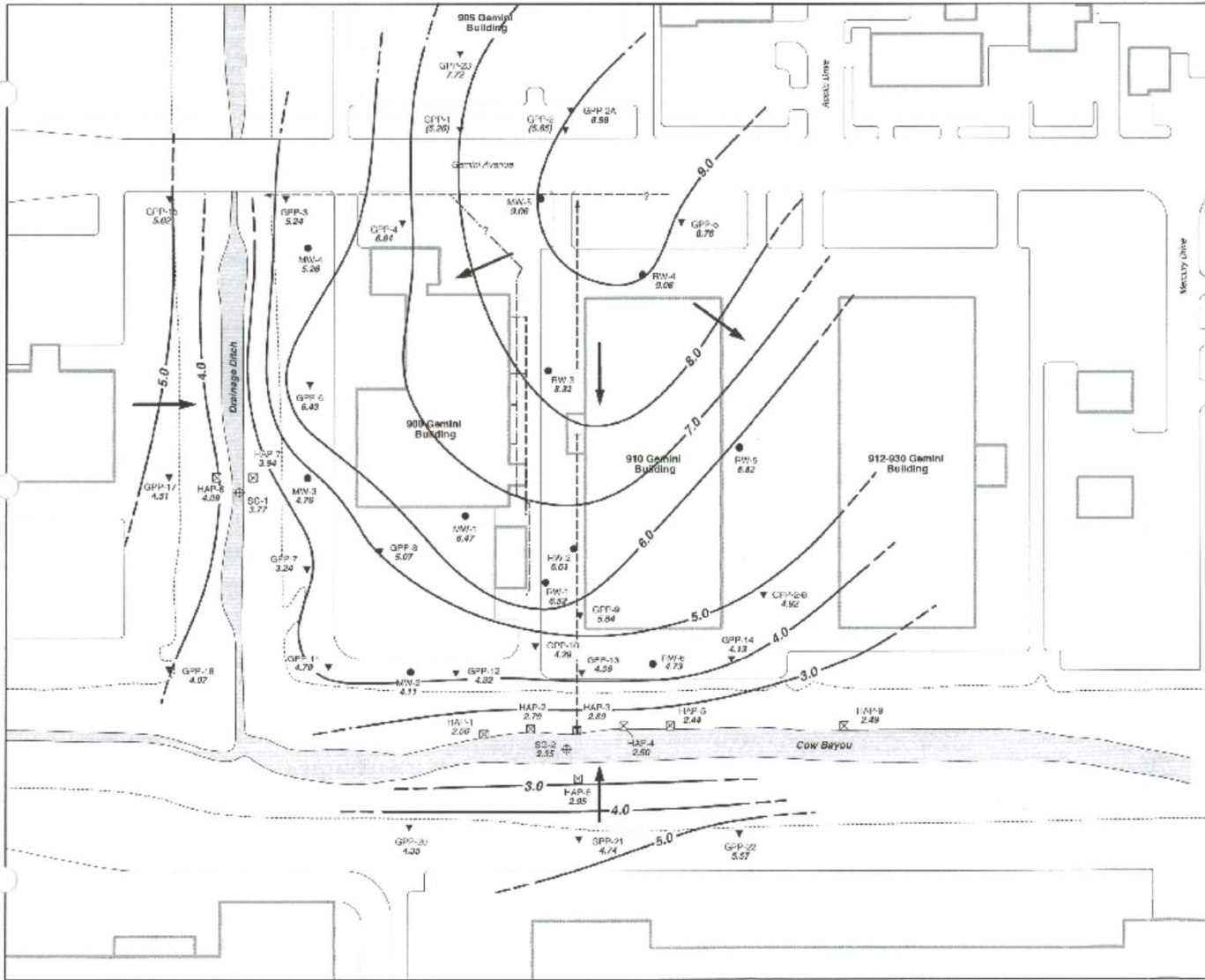
- Two adjoining structures developed ~1965
- 900 Gemini formerly contained an analytical laboratory
- Total area ~5.5 acres
- Drainage ditches to the west and south





# Summary of Environmental Conditions

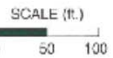
- Release first discovered in 1993, suspected from leaking sewer line.
- Multiple investigations from 1993-2000
- Uppermost water-bearing units affected by VOCs
  - Trichloroethylene (TCE) and vinyl chloride (VC)
- Water below ~40 feet unaffected
- Long term monitoring has shown that natural attenuation has not reduced VOC levels sufficiently
- Concentrations in surface water within acceptable levels.



**LEGEND**

- Monitoring well location (Zone A)
- ▼ Geoprobe or CPT piezometer location (Zone A)
- ⊠ Hand auger piezometer location (Zone A)
- ⊕ Stream gauge location
- 8.32 Static water level (ft, MSL) measured 3/16/99
- (5.26) Value inconsistent with nearby wells, not used in contouring
- 6.0 — Potentiometric surface contour (ft, MSL). Contour interval = 1.0 ft.
- Groundwater flow direction (Zone A)
- Storm sewer
- - - Sanitary sewer

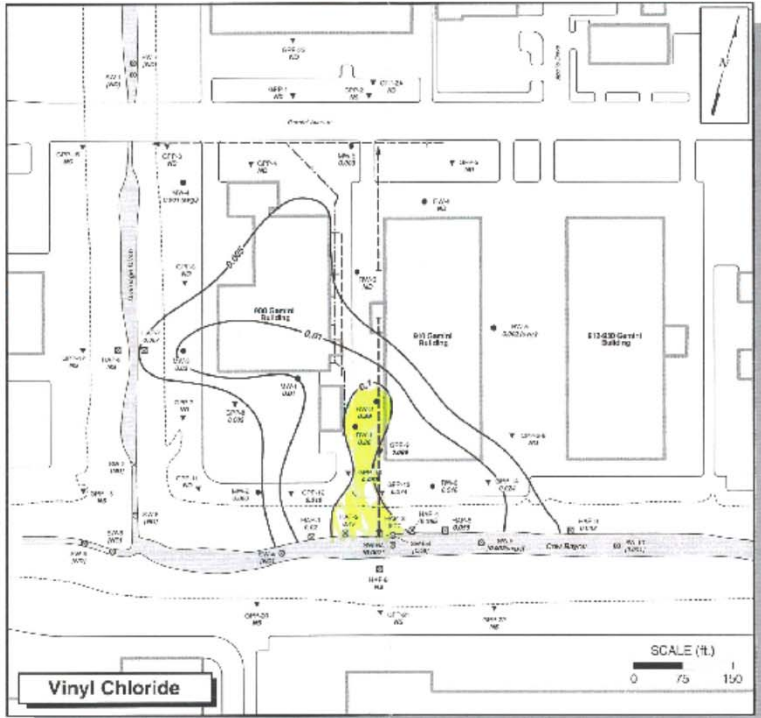
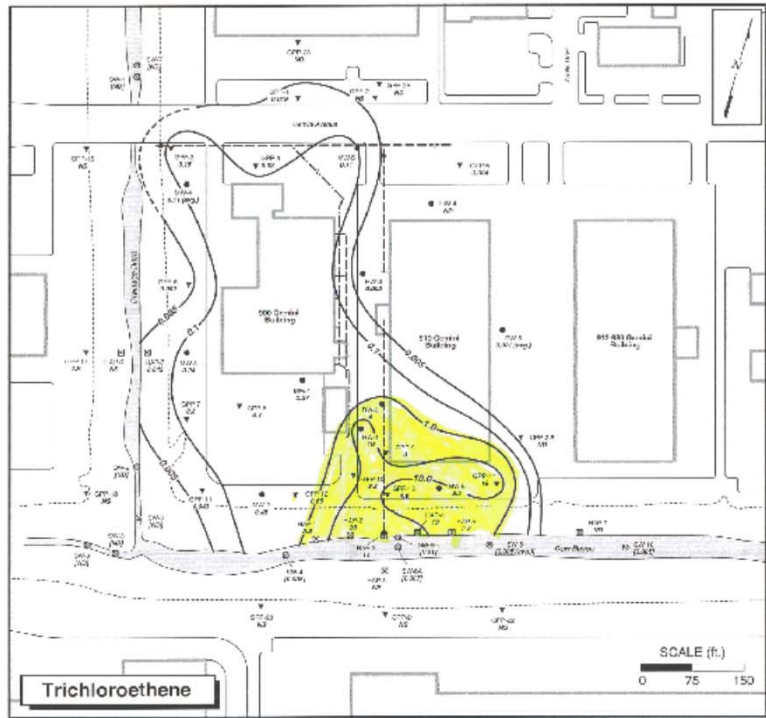
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**POTENTIOMETRIC SURFACE CONTOUR MAP, ZONE A AND SURFACE WATER; 3/16/99**

SIRIC/AMK/AM/5/0003  
9009 10 Gemini Site, TNRCC VCP No. 032  
Houston, Texas

|             |          |              |            |
|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Project No: | G-2234   | Drawn By:    | DLB        |
| Scale:      | 1/21/00  | Checked By:  | FJP        |
| Drawn By:   |          | Approved By: | JAC        |
| Sheet:      | Aa Shown | Figure:      | FIGURE 3.5 |



**Trichloroethene**

**Vinyl Chloride**

**LEGEND**

- Monitoring well location (Zone A)
- ▽ Geoprobe or CPT piezometer location (Zone A)
- ⊠ Hand auger piezometer location (Zone A)
- ⊙ Surface water sample location
- Storm sewer
- Sanitary sewer
- 3.9 Constituent concentration, mg/L, for the latter of the 8/98, 12/98, and 3/99 sampling events
- 1.0 Constituent concentration isopleth contour, mg/L, for 8/98, 12/98, and 3/99 sampling events
- [ND] Constituent concentration in surface water, mg/L, for the latter of the 1996 and 3/99 sampling events, not used in contouring
- ND Not detected
- NS Not sampled
- (avg.) Average concentration of sample and duplicate sample

**TNRCC MSCs for Class 3 Groundwater (mg/L)**

| Constituent    | Class 3 GW Int |
|----------------|----------------|
| TOE            | 0.5            |
| Vinyl Chloride | 0.2            |

**NOTE:** Only groundwater monitoring points completed in Zone A are shown. Zone A is a sandy clay unit located within the approximate depth interval of 15 - 20 ft BGS.



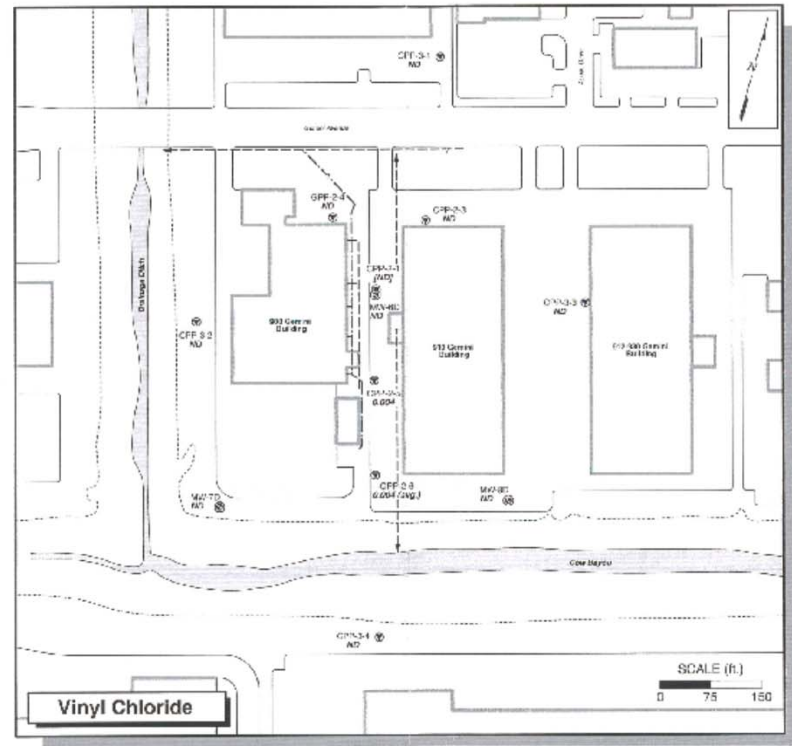
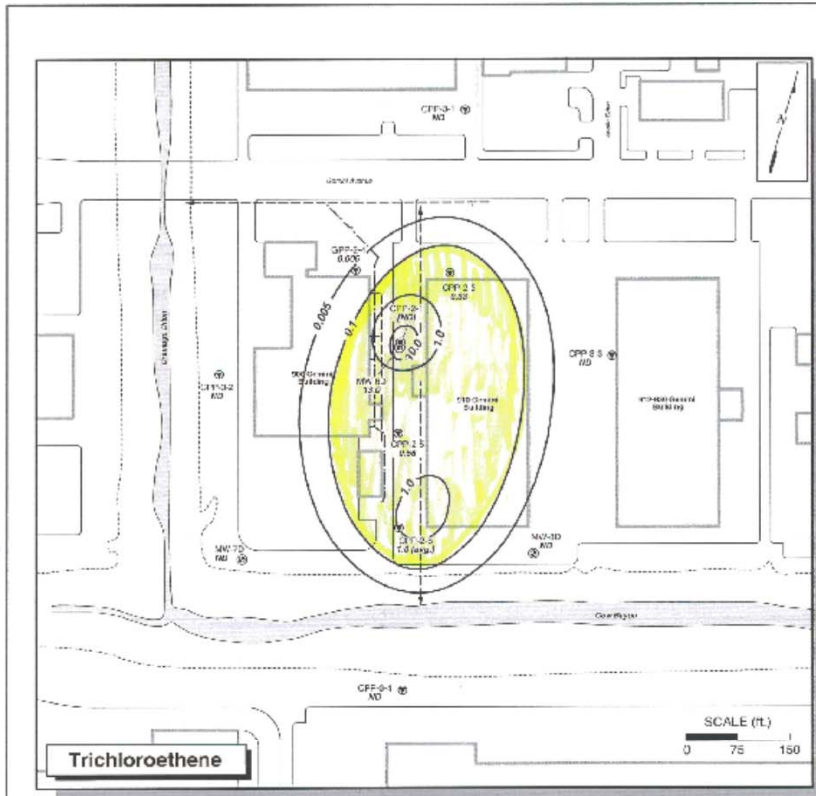
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**CONCENTRATION ISOPLETH MAPS: TRICHLOROETHENE AND VINYL CHLORIDE IN SURFACE WATER AND ZONE A GROUNDWATER**

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000813 Camp 525, TNRCC VCP No. 502  
FREDERICK, TEXAS

|             |          |                   |     |
|-------------|----------|-------------------|-----|
| CSI Job No: | G-2234   | Drawn By:         | DLB |
| Scale:      | 1/21=00  | Checked By:       | RJP |
| Revised:    |          | App'd By:         | JAC |
| SWP:        | As Shown | <b>FIGURE 4.2</b> |     |





**Trichloroethene**

**Vinyl Chloride**

**LEGEND**

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|--|---------|--|--------|--|
| ⊙ Monitoring well location (Zone B)            | 0.32    | Constituent concentration, mg/L, for the latter of the 8/98, 12/98, and 3/99 sampling events | (ND)   | Not detected (Zone C completion); not used in contouring |
| ⊙ Geoprobe or CPT piezometer location (Zone B) | - 1.0 - | Constituent concentration isopleth contour, mg/L, for 8/98, 12/98, and 3/99 sampling events  | ND     | Not detected   |
| ⊙ CPT piezometer location (Zone C)             | →       | Storm sewer  | (avg.) | Average concentration of sample and duplicate sample     |
|  | →       | Sanitary sewer   |        |  |

| TNRCC MSCs for Class 3 Groundwater (mg/L) |                |
|---|----------------|
| Constituent                               | Class 3 GW Ltd |
| TCE                                       | 0.5            |
| Vinyl Chloride                            | 0.2            |

**NOTES:** Only groundwater monitoring points screened in Zone H or G are shown. The only s/c piezometer completed in Zone G is CPP 2-1. Zone D is a sandy clay unit located with a depth interval of 3' - 38 ft BGS. Zone I is a sandy clay/clayey sand unit located at 83 - 88 ft BGS.



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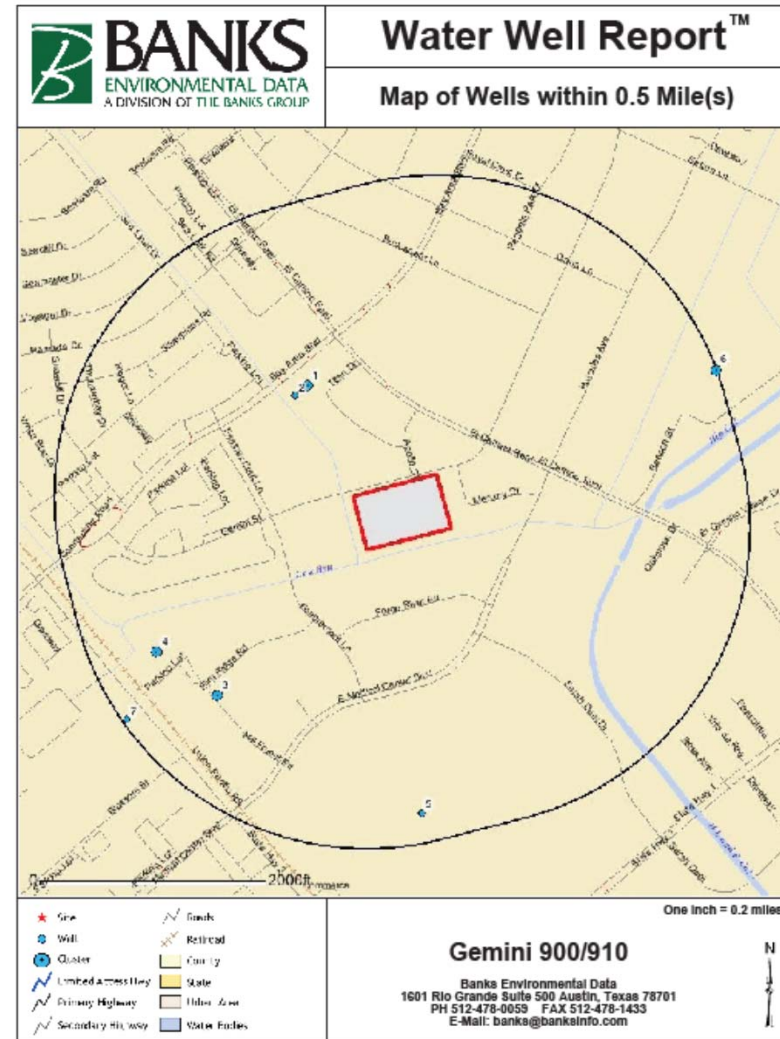
**CONCENTRATION ISOPLETH MAPS: TRICHLOROETHENE AND VINYL CHLORIDE IN ZONE B GROUNDWATER**

910 GREEN CAMP Subarea  
9100 University Ave., 14025 W.P.A. 652  
Houston, Texas

|             |          |             |     |
|-------------|----------|-------------|-----|
| Well ID No: | G-22934  | Drawn By:   | DLB |
| Date:       | 1/21/00  | Checked By: | HJP |
| Prepared:   |          | Approved:   | JAC |
| Scale:      | As Shown | FIGURE 4.5  |     |

## Water Wells – ½ mile

- 6 public supply wells within ½ mile
- Owned by Clear Lake City
- All wells screened at depths of 651 - 1,050 feet
- 1 domestic well within ½ mile (NASA)
- Well screened at 540 feet
- All wells are in upgradient to cross gradient positions from plume, and in a much deeper aquifer





# Summary

- Source of contamination is historic in nature.
- Property is enrolled in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) under TCEQ oversight
- Affected groundwater is within the upper 40 feet within thin water-bearing zones separated from deeper units by clay layers.
- The groundwater plume has been delineated.
- The affected water is not used. Local wells are at depths >500 feet and are not threatened.
- Site satisfies the State criteria for an MSD.



## What Happens Now

- Seek support from City
- Seek support from local municipalities (0.5 mile)
- Applicant will independently seek support from RPUs within 5 miles
- MSD approval by TCEQ
- Site must meet all technical requirements of closure from TCEQ through the VCP.

# MSDs Approved in Houston Area

